

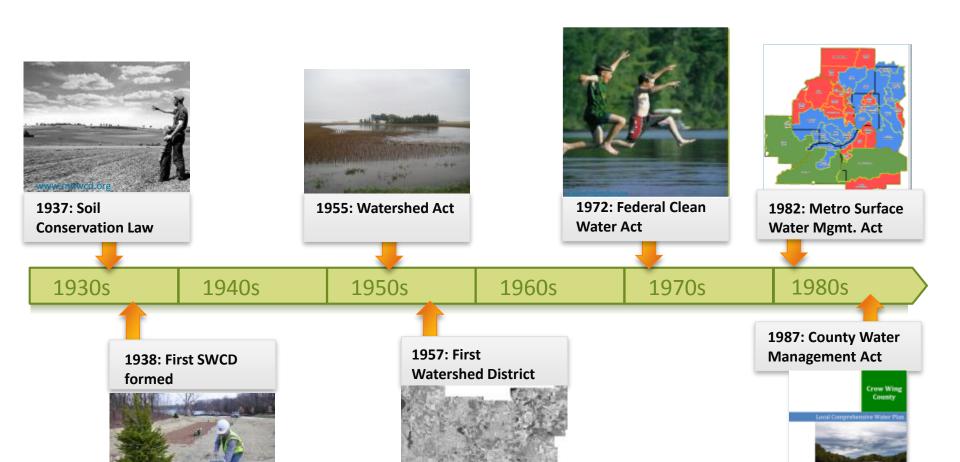




What we are here for today...



- History, Status, and Future
- Local Government Water Roundtable
 Workgroup Panel



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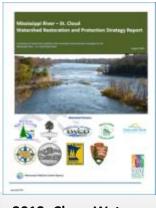
2002: Legislative Auditor's Report



2004: Annandale & Maple Lake case



2008: Clean Water Land & Legacy



2013: Clean Water Accountability Act

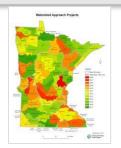
Future

2000s

2003: G16 path to clean water (TMDLs)



2006: Clean Water Legacy Act



2012: Local water mgmt. coordination





Additional drivers

- Legislative signals in 2010 of too many players!
- Local Government Water Roundtable
 - 2011 Water Summit
 - 2013 Policy Paper



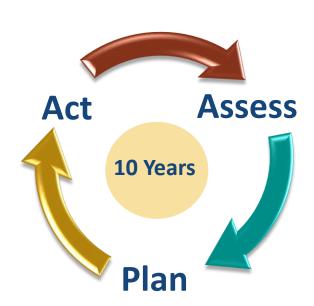


LGWR Policy Paper Recommendations

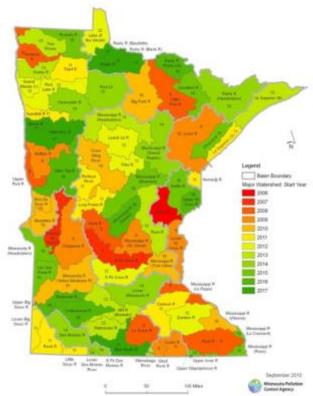
- Scale (major watersheds)
- Streamline (statute and programs)
- Funding (predictable, equitable)



The Watershed Approach



Watershed Approach Projects

















Watershed Approach Projects **Crow Wing** Buffalo-Red River Watershed District County Revised Watershed Management Plan Local Comprehensive Water Plan BUFFALO-RED RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT 2013 - 2023 Winnebago Shell River Rock R 100 Miles CROW WING COUNTY BRAINERD, WINNESOTA 56401 Prescribed by the Minnes ota Board of Water & Soil Resources June 23, 2010.

The red arrow emphasizes the important connection between state water programs and local water management. Local partners are involved - and often lead - in each stage in this framework.

Ongoing Local Implementation

MN Water Management Framework

Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan 10 Year Cycle

Monitoring and Assessment

Connecting state programs with local leadership



Water Resource Characterization & Problem Investigation



2012 Legislation

Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, Subd. 14 Local water management coordination



2012 Legislation

- BWSR can adopt resolutions, policies, or orders to allow local water plans to substitute or replace one another.
- BWSR shall establish a suggested boundary framework for coordination of plans.

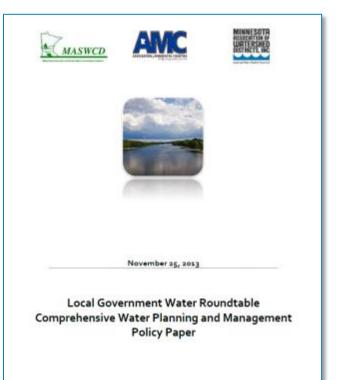






Local Government Water Roundtable

- Policy Paper provided initial framework
- LGWR Workgroup providing feedback throughout





Guiding Principles

- Leverage long history of water planning to streamline plans
- Leverage streamlined plans to gain efficiency in implementation
- Build off Watershed Approach



One Watershed, One Plan

Guiding Principles



ember 18, 2013

Vision: BWSR's vision for One Watershed, One Flan is to align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans — the next logical step in the evolution of water planning in Minrepotar.

Purpose: The purpose of this document is to further outline the One Wotershed, One Plan vision through providing the guiding principles that will direct and influence the program's future policies and procedures.

One Watershed, One Plan will result in plans with prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation actions that meet or exceed current water plan content standards.

One Wetershed, One Plan will set standards for plan content that will be constituted with or exceed the plan approval standards currently in place for local water plans. Most existing water management plans contain adequate inventories of resources and assessment of issues. One Watershed, One Plan will build from this point, with an expanded focus on prioritized, targeted, and measureable implementation of restoration and protection activities. The Intent is for these future water plans to use existing plans, local incovidege had other studies and planning documents—including Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies developed through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency—to establish plans with dear implementation timelines, milestones, and cost estimates that will address the largest threats and provide the greatest environmental benefit unique to each watership.

One Watershed, One Plan is not an effort to change local governance.

Local governments have been at the forefront of water management dating back to 1937 with the formation of the State's first soil and water conservation district. One Watershed, One Plan is intended to utilize the existing structures of counties, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts and Metropolitan watershed management organization by increasing collaboration and cooperation across political boundaries.

One Watershed, One Plan will strive for a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based approach to watershed management; driven by the participating local governments.

it is important for all communities to take part in managing their watersheds through goal setting, monitoring, restoring and protecting water resources and local habitats and ensuring a good quality of life for all who live, work, and recreate in those spaces. A decided "hortom up" approach from water management—allowing the key discussions of major water resource issues, concerns, problems, goals and objectives and potential solutions to originate and be first thilly vetted at the state-bolder level—is envisioned. Expanding involvement and collaboration at the ground-level creates greater buy-in and support at all levels of government.

One Watershed, One Plan will use the state's defineated major watersheds (8-digit hydrologic unit codes or HUC8) as the starting point for defining the preferred scale for local watershed management planning.

The Local Government Water Roundtable (LGWR), a collaboration between the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, and the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, determined it is in the public interest to manage ground and surface water resources from the perspective of watersheds and equifers and to achieve protection, preservation, enhancement, and restoration of the state's valuable water resources. This determination is consistent with the state's water management policy, furthered through legislation passed in 2012 this provided BWSR with the authority to develop and implement a



Suggested Boundary Map

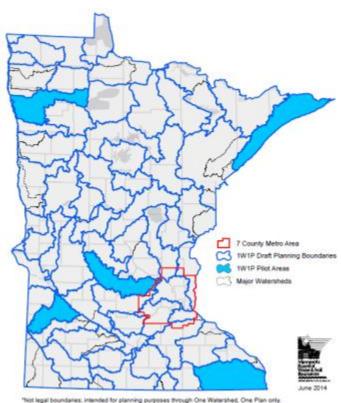
- 81 majors as starting point
- Remain suggested boundaries
- Planning boundaries





Pilot Watersheds

- 5 pilots watersheds selected
- Represent multiple areas of state
- Will be writing watershedbased plans by 2016





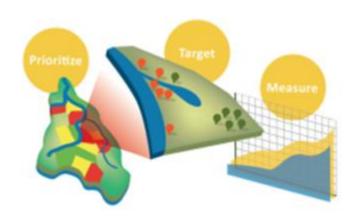
Operating Procedures & Plan Content Require





Plan Content Expectations for Pilots

- Prioritized issues, resources,& actions
- Measurable goals
- Targeted & measurable implementation
- Coordinated action







Panel

- Why you are part of the Roundtable Workgroup & supporting One Watershed, One Plan?
- What steps is your organization taking to prepare for transitioning to One Watershed, One Plan?
- What actions do you recommend to others to get ready; what questions should they be asking?